

Remarks**I. The Interview**

Applicants appreciate the courtesy extended by the Examiner in the interview of January 30, 2007. As noted in the "Interview Summary" provided by the Examiner, support highlighted in previous responses for limitations in claims 23 and 24 was discussed. Claim 24 was also discussed in view of the previously cited Gillies U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0044423.

II. The Amendment

Claim 24 is amended herein to incorporate one of the claim limitations that appears in claim 23 to further distinguish Gillies. Since this limitation is being relied upon to distinguish the subject matter of claim 24 from that disclosed in Gillies, the "IgG" modifier preceding the CH3 constant region polypeptide has been deleted from claim 24. The claim 23 limitation incorporated in claim 24 is "the first cysteine of the hinge that is responsible for forming a disulfide bond with a light chain constant region in a naturally occurring IgG antibody is not deleted or substituted. The amendments to the claims do not introduce new matter.

III. Submission of the "Declaration of Alan F. Wahl"

Attached hereto as Exhibit A is the "Declaration of Alan F. Wahl." The declaration describes various single chain proteins according to the claims that have been made and demonstrated to have biological activity. The declaration is offered to further prosecution of the application.

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Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and request early notification of same. If there are any remaining issues not addressed previously or herein that could be resolved by telephone, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

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